

The Bureau of Census further reports that in 1960 the median value of owner occupied homes in Whiteville was an unusually high \$10,700. There are numerous factors that could partially explain this high median value. Nevertheless, most of these factors apply in other communities with lower values. When this value for Whiteville is compared with the value for all the communities in North Carolina with populations between 2,500 and 10,000, Whiteville ranks eleventh out of the 89 communities in the median value of homes.

RACIAL OCCUPANCY

Within the corporate limits of Whiteville approximately 23 percent of all the housing units are occupied by Negroes; beyond the corporate limits but within the Planning Area approximately 35 percent of the housing units are occupied by Negroes. The location of the Negro housing as indicated on the map on page 29, corresponds closely to the location of the substandard housing as shown on the Housing Appearance map on page 30.

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Within the corporate limits there are 1,316 residential structures, 945 or 72 percent of these structures are rated as standard, or in need of no noticeable repairs. At the other extreme, there are 120 structures or nine percent in need of major repairs to such an extent that the estimated repair costs would likely equal or exceed the estimated value of the structures. In between are 251 structures or 19 percent that are in need of minor repairs. These